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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/998,141

Group Art Unit: 1724

Inventor(s): Stephenson

Filed: December 3, 2001

Title: ZINC-SUBSTITUTED ZEOLITE  
ADSORBENTS AND PROCESSES FOR THE  
USE THEREOF IN GAS SEPARATION

Examiner: Spitzer

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

(A) Extension of Time and Requisite Fee:

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1) Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:

7/28/03

(Month/Day/Year)

(2) Statutory Period Expires 10/28/03

(Month/Day/Year)

Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

		<u>Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$ 420.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$ 950.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$ _____

(B)  Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment (additional claims)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appeal Brief	\$330.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declaration			\$130.00

(C) Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith:

The total fee, in the amount of \$ 950.00, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

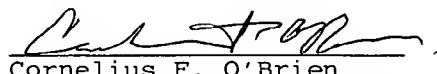
**Praxair, Inc.**

Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113

Dated: October 8, 2003

Our Ref: D-20944

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